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Belgian/SHAPE Holiday

June 1 is a Belgian Holiday. Most services on SHAPE are closed. The back gates to Chièvres and SHAPE will be closed. The U.S. Housing Office will only provide services for TLA and In/Out Processing.

Survey Could Raise OHA

The time left to take the Overseas Housing Allowance is almost up, and the community has yet to reach 70 percent participation. Leaders are encouraged to remind the Servicemembers living off-post in non-government housing to take the survey as soon as possible. The results will be tabulated and will impact future allowances, providing Servicemembers with the appropriate funds to live off-post. The survey is located on the USAG Benelux and Chièvres Garrison Web sites. Just click on the survey link.

Patriot Snack Bar Hours

The Patriot Snack Bar on Chièvres is now open daily at 4 p.m. Stop in for food, darts, video games and more.

Auction Time

The Rag and Bone Man Auction is coming to Chièvres Air Base June 14. Viewing is June 13 at the Community Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open to authorized AAFES shoppers.

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By Kevin Downey

USAG Benelux Public Affairs



Spec. Paul Hurtt, a military policeman assigned to USAG Benelux Department of Emergency Services, triages simulated victims during exercise Sentinel Force May 28.

Terror plots, explosions and mass casualties stress-tested tandem Belgian and U.S. military crisis response during a force protection exercise on the air base May 28.

Military policeman and Belgian emergency first responders frantically triaged simulated victims strewn around a smoky warehouse as actors laying on the ground in realistic moulage writhed in pain as part of exercise Sentinel Force.

An incident command post, staffed by emergency officials from both nations a few hundred yards away, coordinated efforts between key professionals on the scene.

Nearby, exercise officials evaluated how Soldiers worked in conjunction with host nation emergency responders to control the scene and attend to victims in order of the Belgian triage system.

"The purpose of this exercise is to practice working together as a team with our host nation emergency responders, so we can operate efficiently in the event of a real crisis," said exercise designer and emergency management specialist Arthur Smith. "We rely heavily on the host nation for emergency response, so it's critical key players from both sides are familiar with each other not only by name, but by face, too."

Soldiers Old and New Meet in Brussels

By Thad Moyseowicz

USAG Brussels Public Affairs

June 6 is a particularly memorable day in the U.S. Army's history. This year, June 6 will mark the 65th anniversary of the Normandy invasion and the start of the liberation of western Europe.

While Presidents Barack Obama and Nicolas Sarkozy will be VIP speakers at

a ceremony to be held that date at the Normandy American cemetery, they will not necessarily be the most honored guests. That distinction belongs to the small (and dwindling) group of invasion veterans who will also be present at the ceremony.

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Old and New Continued

Brussels Soldiers were on hand to greet 25 WWII airborne veterans (15 former members of the 82nd and 10 former members of the 101st Airborne Divisions) and accompanying family members and friends who "landed" on the European continent May 28 in conjunction with a tour organized by Static Line magazine. The tour group is visiting sites associated with the combat operations the former Soldiers fought in during the campaigns in France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Brussels was only the arrival airhead for the tour, chosen by the tour operator for its convenient central location to the battle sites. The 25 veterans were to converge on Brussels International Airport via three different trans-Atlantic flights. When Capt. Brian Sansom, the Brussels Garrison HHD commander, learned from a local airborne veteran that the group would be arriving and forming in Brussels airport as its tour start, he conceived the idea of having Brussels Soldiers in uniform to meet and greet each tranche of veterans and their accompanying family members as they deplaned.

"We wanted these veterans to feel special the moment they arrived in Europe," said Sansom. "We figured it would be a pleasant surprise for them if the first people they met as they exited the gantry would be representatives of today's generation of Soldiers, standing tall in uniform."

Since modern airport security controls do not permit un-credentialed individuals in such controlled spaces, Sansom asked the garrison's Host Nation Police Liaison officer, Mike Pain, to obtain special, one-time access for the Soldiers.

"Mike worked his magic, and the police

came through for us and granted us special passes. We really appreciated their very willing support," said Sansom.

A pleasant surprise for the veterans, to be sure, but also a pleasure for the Soldiers. Brussels Military Policeman, Spec. Anthony Arnold, is himself a combat veteran of a later conflict [Iraq]. Arnold is passionately interested in military history.

"It was really great to meet and talk to these veterans of OVERLORD and MARKET GARDEN and the Battle of the Bulge – all things I've only read about in books. These guys were actually there!"

For their part, the veterans were delighted with the totally unexpected greeting committees. "Doc" Blaney, at 84, one of the younger veterans, had been a medic with the 326th PIR of the 101st Airborne. "It was so nice to see these Soldiers decked out in their Class As," he said.

The three tranches arrived at separate, staggered, times. In addition to escorting their honored visitors to Customs, pushing some of them in wheelchairs and helping them claim their baggage, the Brussels Soldiers had time to listen to some of their stories.

Daryle Whitfield, a still-big 87-year-old former machine gunner in Company F, 505th PIR of the 82nd Airborne, and native of Picayune, Miss., asked: "Do you guys know about the paratrooper whose chute was caught up on the steeple of that church in St. Mere Eglise? Well, I was the next guy in the stick after him."

Arnold, the military history buff, later said, "It was very humbling to listen to Mr. Whitfield and get to meet this living connection to D-Day."

Most of the veterans had made repeated visits to their old battle sites in years past, but not all. For Robert Herriot, once of the 327th PIR of the 101st Airborne, of Friendship, Wisc., and now in a wheelchair, this was his first visit back to the European continent since the war years.

"I left a lot of friends here, and I wanted to see them," he said.

The Brussels Soldiers got their guests and baggage to the two waiting tour buses, and said their farewells. Arnold has plans to be on leave in Normandy on June 6 and hopes to meet the vets there again on that date. Spec. Joshua Haines, also a Brussels MP and also an Iraq combat veteran, summed up the encounter.

"Meeting these guys makes you realize you're part of Army history," he said.



Brussels Soldiers Spec. Jonathan Verdugo, Sgt. Justin Eader and Capt. Brian Sansom welcome WWII 82nd/101st Airborne veterans to Brussels as they deplane via the gantry.

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1 June

- **Les Epicuriales at 4020 Liège.** Taste dishes made by the greatest cooks to come out of the Liège area. Open from noon to midnight every day. For additional information and reservation, visit www.epicuriales.be.
- **Festival of European Anglophone Theatrical Societies (FEATS) 2009.** An annual competitive festival that has been running since the 1976. A four-day event of one-act plays performed by amateur English-language theatre groups from across mainland Europe. Each year a different group hosts the festival and this year that honor falls to the English Comedy Club of Brussels. There are 12 plays performed by different European groups, three on each night. The first performance begins each evening at 7:30 p.m. For additional information and reservations, visit feats2009.theatreinbrussels.com.
- **Hunting Belgium 2009 at 6800 Libramont at Walexpo,** 50 Rue des Aubépines. The fair for hunters with a passion for the wild, the hunt and for nature. Indoor and outdoor activities. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €10, free for kids under 12. For additional information, visit www.huntingexpo.be.
- **RetroMoteur Show (oldtimer vehicles show and fair) at Ciney Expo** on Rue du Marché Couvert at 5590 Ciney. Open from 5 to 10 p.m. on May 30, and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 31 and June 1. Entrance fee is €12 per person; free for kids. For additional information, visit www.cineyexpo.be.
- **Spring open days at the Wolf Conservation Association (Centre d'Accueil et d'Etudes des Loups ASBL) at 4831 Bilstain** (Limburg) on 13 Rue Moutarde 13. Discover the magical world of wolves, learn about their history. During the open house, numerous attractions will be organized: discovery of the wolves and other animals on the farm, an exhibition and a sales booth with wolf photographs, an information booth on wolves, as well as a movie and slide show about wolves. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €1. For additional information, visit www.wolves.be.
- **Huge flea market and comic strip fair (700 booths) downtown 5150 Floreffe** (Namur area). Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Comic strip fair around the abbey from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Antique and flea market (200 booths) downtown 8500 Kortrijk.** Opens at 7 a.m.
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5 km at 1460 Virginal-Samme** (30 km South from Brussels). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., from the soccer field on Rue de Tubize.
- **Volksmarch for 50, 36, 24, 18, 12 or 6 km at 7542 Mont-Saint-Aubert** (Tournai area). Departs from 11 Rue du Curé, from 6 to 9 a.m. for the 50 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Agricultural fair at 1400 Nivelles.** On and around the Grand'Place. Exhibits of competition animals, sheep, goats, ostriches, etc. Rabbits and poultry on display in the cloister of the collegiate church. Thoroughbreds in the Dodaine park. Exhibits of agricultural machines and sale of regional products. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Parade of Jean-Jean du Ballon at 7890 Ellezelles.** Following the emergency landing of a hot-air balloon in their little village around 1850, the inhabitants decided to commemorate this auspicious event in the history of the Land of Hills with an annual "ducasse:"
 - At 2:30 p.m., multi-colored procession with bands and giants (one of which is the famous Jean-Jean representing the mayor at those times)
 - At 5 p.m., final gathering downtown Ellezelles, followed by the ascension of Jean-Jean du Ballon
- **Flea market (150 booths) at 1420 Braine-L'Alleud,** in the parking area Taverne 421 on Chaussée d'Alseberg. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Arts and crafts, flea market and comic strip fair (120 booths) at 7033 Cuesmes** (Mons area), on the square and in the sports hall. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (flea market opens at 6 a.m.).
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5km at 7180 Seneffe** (25 km North-East from Mons). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. the community room on Place de Penne d'Agenais.



RetroMoteur Show

4-7 June

- **Annual sales at 4000 Liège** (city center and commercial area Belle Ile). Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On June 6, flea market (100 booths) in the Rue Fond Pirette.
- **Brussels Oriental Art Fair (BOAFair) at 1000 Brussels**, on the Place du Sablon. Amateurs, collectors, experts and curators of Asian Art. The only Asian art fair on the European continent. Opening hours are as follows: June 4: from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 5: from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., June 6: from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and June 7: from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, visit www.boafair.be.
- **Brussels Non European Art Fair (BRUNEAF) at 1000 Brussels**, on the Place du Sablon. This fair has become one of the leading events displaying non-European art, covering fields as diverse as African, Oceanian, Indonesian, pre-Columbian, Asiatic and Australian Aboriginal art (sculptures, masks, fetishes, weaponry, jewelry, coins, fabrics, traditional objects executed by ethnic groups according to their own particular customs and worked in wood, metal, gold, silver, bronze, ivory or terra cotta, ...). Opening hours are as follows: June 4: from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 5: from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., June 6: from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and June 7: from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, visit www.bruneaf.com.

4 June - 20 September

- **14 comic strip authors pay tribute to the atomium at 1020 Brussels**, Square de l'Atomium. Each illustrator will place his composition in a 1950s, contemporary or futuristic setting. The theme is the Atomium itself and the spirit of Expo '58. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

5 June

- **Folkloric dances and ball at 7972 Quevaucamps** (Beloeil area), at the cultural center on 20 Rue Joseph Wauters, with the participation of groups from Belgium and Moldavia. Entrance fee is €6.

5 - 6 June

- **Stock sale of Modo Bruxellae at 1000 Brussels**, at Halles Saint-Géry on 23 Place Saint-Géry. Stock sale of young Belgian creators at a very reasonable price. Open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on June 5 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 6.
- **2009 La Cambre fashion show at 1030 Brussels**, at Les Halles de Schaerbeek on 22 Rue Royale Sainte-Marie. This unique fashion show of the La Cambre fashion school takes place each year at the Halles of Schaerbeek. Starts at 9 p.m. Entrance fees are €25 or €10. For additional information, visit www.lacambre.be.

5 - 7 June

- **Garden fair (100 booths) at 1180 Uccle** (Brussels area). Hippodrome de Boisfort on Chaussée de la Hulpe. Open from 1 to 7 p.m. on June 5 and from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 6 and 7.
- **Ball-trap shooting at 7950 Chièvres** (Horimetz). Schedule of events is as follows: June 5, from 8 p.m. to midnight: night ball-trap shooting and barbecue, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: helicopter first flights, from 2 to 8:30 p.m.: ball-trap shooting and at 9 p.m.: cabaret show and dinner. June 7, starting at 10 a.m.: old tractors display, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.: ball-trap shooting, at 2 p.m.: musical show, at 7 p.m.: dinner and at 10 p.m.: fireworks.

5 - 9 June

- **Brussels ancient art fair (BAAF) at 1000 Brussels**, on Place du Sablon. BAAF brings to Brussels an unrivalled array of ancient art. All participating dealers are members of the International Association of Dealers in Ancient Art (IADAA) and follow a strict code of ethics concerning the authenticity and provenance of the objects they sell. This fair gathers 16 international specialists in the field of classic, egyptian and near east archaeology. Free entrance. The opening hours are as follows: June 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m., June 6 and 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. and June 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. For additional information, visit www.baaf.be. As in previous years, two other fairs take place at the Sablon during BAAF: BOAFair (oriental art) and BRUNEAF (tribal art).



6 June

- **Carillon festival at 7800 Ath.** During the entire summer a carillon festival is organized from high on the Saint Julien tower. Carillon players from Belgium, France and the Netherlands will play 12 concerts from June to September. Concerts begin at 4:30 p.m. on June 6, 13, 20 and 27. Free concerts on the yard of the Maison des Géants (Giants' House) and the tourist office on Rue de Pintamont.
- **Arts and craft and farm products market at 7972 Quevaucamps** (Beloeil area) at the Cultural Center on 20 Rue Wauters. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market (100 booths) at 2030 Antwerp**, on Columbiestraat and Tam Tico plein. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market and arts and craft (50 booths) at 7800 Ath**, on Quai de l'Entrepot and Rue d'Angleterre. Flea market open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Arts and craft open from 3 p.m. to midnight.
- **Flea market (100 booths) at 2530 Boecheout** (Antwerp area), on Franckstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market and local products market (340 booths) at 7090 Braine-Le-Comte**, on Square de la Liberté and its surroundings. Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market and annual sales at 1040 Etterbeek** (Brussels area) 250 booths, open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Rue des Champs and its surroundings; and 300 booths, open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Place Van Meyel and its surroundings.
- **Flea market downtown 7021 Havré** (Mons area). Open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market (100 booths) at 7390 Wasmuel** (Mons area) on Rue Neuve. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market (100 booths) at 1150 Woluwé-Saint-Lambert** (Brussels area) on Parvis St-Alix. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

6 – 7 June

- **Flea market at 1082 Berchem-Ste-Agathe** (Brussels area), on Rue Courte and C. Lemmans. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales and flea market (55 booths) at 1083 Ganshoren** (Brussels area), in Quartier Sainte Cécile. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales and flea market (400 booths) at 1050 Ixelles** (Brussels area), on Place de Londres. Open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

7 June

- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5km at 7850 Enghien.** Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the Farm for scouts on Chaussée de Soignies.
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5km at 7170 Fayt-Lez-Manage** (25 km East from Mons). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the Farm La Clarine on 44 Rue Dieu d'en Bas.
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5km at 6540 Lobbes** (28 km South-East from Mons). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the sports hall Le Scavin on Rue de l'Entreville.
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5km at 7070 Thieu** (Le Roeulx area). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the community room on Place Hardat (next to elevator #4).
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5km at 7332 Sirault** (Chièvres area). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from 11 Rue du Salon.
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5km at 1480 Clabecq** (25 km South-West from Brussels – Halle area). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from 27 Rue du Château.
- **Flea market (200 booths) at 7321 Blaton** (18 km South-West from Chièvres), on Parc Posteau and Place Feignies. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market and fair for collectors (280 booths) at 1357 Héléline** (half way between Brussels and Liège), at the château of Héléline. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales and flea market (200 booths) at 1050 Ixelles** (Brussels area), in Quartier Saint Boniface. Open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Flea market (150 booths) at 1170 Watermael-Boisfort** (Brussels area), on Rue Middelbourg and Wiener. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Environmental festival at 1000 Brussels**, at the Parc du Cinquantenaire. This event gives you the opportunity to have fun, to meet many people of the environmental institutions or associations and to gather information. Last year, the festival took place on a warm day, with thousands of inhabitants of Brussels who came to know more about the environment, in a good atmosphere. The festival is organized by the IBGE/BIM on the initiative of the Minister of the Environment of the Region of Brussels-Capital, with the participation of the councils of the region. Many activities. Starts at noon. Free concert at 7 p.m. to close the event.



Doudou Festival in Mons

June 12

- 8:30 p.m. at Harmignies – free Danish military band concert.
- 8:45 p.m. at Ghlin – free U.S. military band concert.
- 10 p.m. on the Grand Place – free concert by Natasha St Pier.

June 13

- Military bands parade throughout Mons.
- 11 a.m. Denmark at Hyon, Romania at Saint Denis, United States at Saint Symphorien and Sweden at Spiennes.
- 7:30 p.m. Sweden at Nimy and Romania at Flenu.
- 8 p.m. descent of the shrine containing the relics of Saint Waudru at the Collegiate church.
- 9 p.m. Belgian military band concert on the Grand Place.
- 10 p.m. departure of the torch light retreat, starting at the end of the Rue de Nimy towards the Grand Place.
- 11 p.m. U.S. military band concert on the Grand Place.

June 14

- 9:40 a.m. the procession sets off from the Saint Waudru Collegiate Church. The procession's history is based on the time when an outbreak of the Plague was arrested due to the prayers to St. Waudru by the people of Mons. The sumptuous golden carriage, which is at the end of the cortège carries the reliquaries of the Saint.
- 12:30 p.m. the Lumeçon Fight, traditional combat between Saint George and the dragon on the Grand Place.
- 4:30 p.m. 49th International Festival of Military Bands at the Mons soccer field on Avenue du Tir at 7000 Mons. This year, bands from Belgium, Denmark, United States, Romania, Sweden and Turkey will participate. Tickets are normally required for the festival, but you can also listen to the same bands free of charge on the Grand-Place from 9 p.m. to midnight.

June 15

- All day huge annual sales in the pedestrian areas of Mons.
- 8:30 p.m. parades by the military bands on the Grand Place.

June 16

- All day huge annual sales in the pedestrian area of Mons.
- 8:30 p.m. the military bands will be back on the Grand Place for a final concert and show ending at 11 p.m., right before the fireworks.

13 June

- **Carillon festival at 7800 Ath.** During the entire summer a carillon festival is organized from high on the Saint Julien tower. Carillon players from Belgium, France and the Netherlands will play 12 concerts from June to September. Concerts begin at 4:30 p.m. on June 13, 20 and 27. Free concerts on the yard of the Maison des Géants (Giants' House) and the tourist office on Rue de Pintamont.
- **Flea market (220 booths) downtown 9000 Gent.** Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market (240 booths) at 1060 Saint-Gilles** (Brussels area), on Place Van Menen. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market (100 booths) at 1150 Woluwe-Saint-Pierre** (Brussels area), on Parvis St-Alix. Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Motorcycle ride "La Tonnelle" (120 km) 7861 Wannebecq** (Lessines area). Gathering and registration at 10 a.m.; departure at 1 p.m. from 11, Rue Trieu.

13 – 14 June

- **Flea market (120 booths) at 9000 Gent**, on St-Salvatorstraat and Voormuide. Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

14 June

- **Flea market (250 booths) downtown 7830 Bassilly** (Chièvres area). Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market (250 booths) downtown 1620 Drogenbos** (Brussels area). Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market (110 booths) at 9000 Gent**, on Wondelgemstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market (110 booths) at 1050 Ixelles** (Brussels area), on rue de l'Arbre Bénit. Open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market (60 booths) on the square of 7020 Nimy** (Mons area). Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market (200 booths) downtown 1400 Nivelles**. Open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Huge flea market (600 booths) at 1421 Ophain** (Braine-l'Alleud area), at the Village #1 Reine Fabiola. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Fair for collectors (75 booths) 7060 Soignies**. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the sportshall.
- **Flea market at 7060 Soignies**, on Place Van Zeeland. Open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market (400 booths) at 1480 Tubize**, on Rue de l'Industrie. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5 km at 7061 Casteau** (SHAPE area). Departs from the soccerfield on Rue de Lens from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch for 20, 10 or 5 km at 7903 Chapelle-A-Oie** (12 km West from Chièvres). Departs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 97 Rue du Village.
- **Volksmarch for 30, 20, 12 or 6 km at 7950 Ladeuze** (Chièvres area). Departs from 8 a.m. to noon for the 30 km route and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes from the cultural center on 23 Rue de la Liberté.
- **Spring Festival at 1180 Uccle** (Brussels area). Walk with a nature guide and see special preservation zones. Enjoy music, meet artists, craftsmen and nature protection groups. Free concerts, aperitif, barbecue, games. Plateau Engeland on Avenue de l'Hélianthe at 1180 Uccle.

15 June

- **Annual sales (200 booths) at 9600 Ronse**. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ongoing Until...

3 June

- **World folklore festival of Saint-Ghislain** (Mons area), at the Hall de Maintenance, Rue de Chièvres. Journey into the ancestral traditions of world nations. Dancers, singers and musicians from five continents gather together and share a convivial and brotherly spirit. For additional information, visit www.festifolk.be.

14 June

- **"John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the American Dream"** exhibition organized at the Château de Waroux on 27 Rue de Waroux at 4432 Alleur (Ans). The exhibition traces the life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States of America: 100 photographs illustrating the Kennedys' legend through 8 themes (from their arrival from Ireland to the 22 November 1963), reconstitution of the White House's Oval Office, dresses of the presidential campaign of 1960 and wedding dress of Jacqueline Bouvier-Kennedy, JFK's favourite objects, documents and books. Open everyday from 2 to 6 p.m. Closed on Mondays. Entrance fee is €5. For additional information, visit www.jfk-expo.be.

5 July

- **"Presidents of the USA" exhibition** at 4020 Liège, at the Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, on 3 Parc de la Boverie. This exhibition has the official support of the Embassy of the United States of America and pays tribute to the 44 presidents of the United States. Through photos, illustrations and films visitors discover America's exciting history and some historic moments between Belgium and the United States. A film (French, English, Dutch) on 400 years of joint history between the United States and Belgium is continuously being showed during the exhibition. Open from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Closed on Monday. Entrance fee is €5 per person. For additional information, visit www.presidentusa.be.

30 August

- **A soldier's life at the Royal Museum of Mariemont**. Discover the Great War through an unpublished manuscript, illustrated with many pictures and drawings, relating Gustave Groleau's life during the war. Groleau served in the Belgian army and fought on the Yser front. His books recount the wartime atrocities. Exhibition is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Musée Royal de Mariemont on 100 Chaussée de Mariemont at 7140 Morlanwelz-Mariemont. Entrance fee is €4. For additional information, visit www.musee-mariemont.be.

Sign Up Now

For information and to sign up, call SHAPE Trips and Tours at DSN 423-3884

- **Medieval dinner.** June 6. Be transported from the 20th century back to July 3, 1468. Feast in an imposing former church, surrounded by dozens of other revellers. The wedding feast will be enlivened by jesters, minstrels and dancers. There will also be sword fighting, falconry, flame swallowing, jousting and much more. Departs from SHAPE at 12:30 p.m. and returns at 1 a.m. Prices are €88 per adult, €55 for youth between 11 and 14, €38 per child between 6 and 10 and €25 per child between 3 and 5. Free for children under 3.
- **Disneyland.** June 19. 2 parks in one day (Disneyland and Disney studios). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Prices are €85 per adult, €75 per youth between 3 and 11 and €35 per child under two.
- **Paris, The Latin Quarter.** June 20. Start your day with a two-hour walking tour of the heart of Parisian history. See everything from Roman ruins, two of the world's most famous cathedrals, one of the world's most famous universities and Paris' most beautiful gardens. After the tour, explore on your own. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. Prices is €40 per person without tour or €60 per person (tour included).
- **Dutch windmills, Zaanse Schans & Volendam, The Netherlands.** June 27. Zaanse Schans is a popular destination for visitors in search of a bit of Old Holland. Volendam is a charming harbor town with shops and unique stilt houses. Includes a guided tour, visit to a cheese farm, visit to a wooden shoe workshop and a boat trip. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. Prices are €57 per adult and €50 per child under 12.



D-Day – 65th Anniversary

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion. On that day, under the command of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, nearly 200,000 allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy to defeat Hitler's "Fortress Europe."

The invasion itself gave prominence to land forces but provided major roles for air and sea components. Allied air forces carried three airborne divisions into battle, protected the force as it crossed the English Channel, and attacked targets throughout the invasion area before and after the landing in support of the assault forces. More than 5,000 ships—from battleships to landing craft—carried, escorted and landed the assault force along the Normandy coast. Once the force was landed, naval gunfire provided critical support for the soldiers as they fought their way across the beaches.

In the invasion's early hours, more than 1,000 transports dropped paratroopers to secure the flanks and beach exits of the assault area. Amphibious craft landed some 130,000 troops on five beaches along 50 miles of Normandy coast between the Cotentin Peninsula and the Orne River while the air forces controlled the skies overhead. In the eastern zone, the British and Canadians landed on GOLD, JUNO and SWORD Beaches. The Americans landed on two beaches in the west—UTAH and OMAHA. As the Allies came ashore, they took the first steps on the final road to victory in Europe. However, not without a price. In all, 10,300 allies lost their lives on that one day alone.

This year, nations are coming together to remember the sacrifices made and to honor the memories of those who helped liberate Europe. Approximately 800 U.S. Servicemembers from 20 commands stationed in Europe and the United States, will participate in approximately 30 commemoration ceremonies and events throughout the Normandy region including those below.

For more details on each ceremony, visit www.normandiememoire.com/NM60Anglais/nmeh/accueil.php.

4 June

- 10:30 a.m. Mont Saint Michel
- 3 p.m. Mont Saint Michel
- 4 p.m. at Gourbesville
- 5 p.m. Amfreville

5 June

- 9:30 a.m. La Cambe
- 11:30 a.m. Picauville
- 3 p.m. Chef-du-Pont
- 5 p.m. Carentan
- 5 p.m. Hémevez
- 5:30 p.m. Montebourg
- 6 p.m. Carentan
- 9 p.m. Utah Beach

6 June

- 9 a.m. Pointe du Hoc
- 9 a.m. St. Martin de Varreville
- 10 a.m. St. Mère Eglise
- 10:45 a.m. Angoville au Plain
- 11 a.m. St. Mère Eglise
- 7 p.m. St. Mère Eglise

June 7

- 9:30 a.m. St. Mère Eglise
- 11:15 a.m. St. Mère Eglise
- 1 p.m. St. Mère Eglise
- 4 p.m. - La Fièvre
- 9 p.m. St. Marie du Mont

Movie in English at ImagixMons

The Fall

Lee Peace, Catinca Untaru, Justine Waddell

June 4 at 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Movies in English at the Plaza Art

Boy A

Andrew Garfield, Peter Mullan, Katie Lyons

June 1 at 6 p.m.

June 2 at 6:15 p.m.

London River

Brenda Bethlynm, Sotigui Kouy

June 1 at 10:30 p.m.

June 2 at 10:30 p.m.

June 3 at 10:30 p.m.

June 4 at 10:30 p.m.

June 5 at 5:30 p.m.

June 6 at 10:30 p.m.

June 7 at 9:30 p.m.

June 8 at 3:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The Magnificent Ambersons

Tim Holt, Joseph Cotten, Dolores Costello, Anne Baxter,

Agnes Moorehead

June 7 at 5:30 p.m.

The Burning Plain

Charlize Theron, Kim Basinger, Jennifer Lawrence

June 3 at 8:15 p.m.

June 4 at 3:15 p.m.

June 5 at 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

June 6 at 8:30 p.m.

June 7 at 4:30 p.m.

June 8 at 8:15 p.m.

Movie listings for the SHAPE Cinema were not available by press time.

Entertainment

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SHAPE Fest Tent **hinder**



**THE ROCK REBELLION
RE-EMERGES**

Fresh on the heels of their Billboard number one single *Lips of an Angel*, Hinder shifts its Extreme Behavior tour into high gear for a night of decadent, rebellious, arena rock and roll. These bad boys from Oklahoma City have channeled the spirit of 80's rock.

Saturday, 6 June

SHAPE Fest Tent
Show Starts At 2000hrs

Food and beverages for sale, starting at 1800



SHAPE Band Tours Belgium

The SHAPE Band is performing free concerts throughout Belgium to recognize the 60th Anniversary of NATO. The concerts are coordinated in conjunction with other activities and festivals happening in each city. The below dates were provided by the Mayors of the regional communities, but are subject to change. In addition to the concerts listed below, other areas, like Jurbise, Chimay and the Belgian seaside, are planning to host the SHAPE Band.

Date and Time	Place
June 27 – from 2 to 9 p.m.	SHAPE Cinema
July 18 Jul – time TBD	Brugellette
July 21 – time TBD	Malmedy
Aug. 28-30 – time TBD	Ath
Sept. 4 – from 6 to 8 p.m.	Lens
Sept. 11-13 or Sept. 18-20 – time TBD	Soignies
Oct. 16 – time: 8 to 10 p.m.	Mons



Fitness Classes

Chièvres Air Base

	M	T	W	T	F
Mature Yoga	■		■		■
Biggest Loser	■		■		
Yoga for Everybody		■	■	■	
Spinning		■			■

Mature Yoga 12:15 to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 13 on Caserne Daumerie. Free.

Biggest Loser 6 to 7 p.m.

Yoga for Everybody 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Bring your own mat. Free.

Spinning 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Bring water. Free.
For more details call DSN 361-5643.

The Chièvres Sports & Fitness Center

Open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Weekends and U.S. Holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

USAG Brussels

	M	T	W	T	F	S
Yoga	■		■		■	
Spinning	■			■		
Body Pump		■				■
Strong Women		■		■		
Step Aerobics			■		■	

Yoga 10 to 11 a.m. Free.

Spinning 6 to 7 p.m. Free.

Body Pump 6 to 7 p.m. Sat. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free.

Strong Women 12:15 to 1 p.m. Free.

Step Aerobics 6 to 7 p.m. Free.

For more details call 02-717-9667

USAG Brussels Fitness Center

Open weekdays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Weekends from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open U.S. Holidays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2009 SACEUR

Sports Athletics Competition

The 2009 SACEUR Athletics Competition is June 23 at 10 a.m. The following events will be competed for:

- 3000m – Open
- Shot Putt – Male only
- High Jump – Male only
- Javelin
- 4x100m Relay
- 400m
- 100m
- 1500m
- 4x400m - Male only
- Long Jump

Teams are to consist of two males and one female in each event. At least 50 percent of athletes are to be military personnel and all competitors must possess a valid SHAPE ID card. For more information, call DSN: 423 - 4717.

Teen Dodge Ball Tournament

Teens across SHAPE have gathered up their teams for a June 9 Dodge Ball Tournament. Stop by the SHAPE Main Gym at 4:30 p.m. to see the action. For more information, come by Youth Services and talk to the Teen Center staff, building 503 or call DSN 423-5610.

CYSS Fall Sports – Brussels

Register is underway now until July 31 for Brussels boys and girls soccer and flag football. Registration is open to kids ages 6-18. The season begins Aug. 31. The cost is \$36 per child and discounts are available for volunteer coaches. Registration forms and more information can be found at www.usagbrussels.eur.army.mil or by calling 02-717-9651.

CYSS Fall Sports – Chièvres

Registration for youth soccer and flag football on Chièvres begins June 15 and runs until Aug. 21. The soccer season runs September through November. The flag football season runs August through October. The cost is 28 euro.

Soccer Ages:

- Bambino Co-ed Born in 03-04
- Pee Wee Co-ed..... Born in 01-02
- Minor Co-ed Born in 99-00
- Bantam Co-ed Born in 97-98
- Junior Girls Born 94-95-96
- Junior Boys Born in 95-96

Flag Football Ages: (Age on Nov. 15)

- Bantam Co-ed 9-11 yrs
- Junior Co-ed..... 12-15 yrs

Registration for youth golf ends soon. The golf season runs June through September. Registration is free.

Golf Ages:

- Peewee Co-Ed 6-7 years
- Minor Co-Ed 8-9 years
- Bantam Co-Ed 10-12 years

CYSS Annual Registration, Health Assessment and Immunization Records must remain valid throughout the season and are required prior to registration. Sign up at Central Enrollment and Registration Office, Bldg. 503 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call DSN 423-5612 or DSN 423-5856.

Coaches Wanted

Child, Youth & School Services Sports is looking for volunteer coaches for the table tennis, soccer, jump rope, flag football, basketball and golf. These programs run six to eight weeks with one practice per week. Call DSN 423-5856 to volunteer to help keep these sports programs alive.

Army 10-Miler June 27

Wire Reports

A reminder for those aiming to compete on this year's U.S. Army Europe 10-Miler team: the top finishers from the 2008 qualifying race are still in theater and are training for the 2009 run on June 27 in Grafenwoehr.

Joel Steward, who took first place last year in the men's division with a course record 56.25, said: "I do hope to compete ... I hope to be in good enough shape to finish strong."

The top 12 active duty Soldiers (six each in the men and women's divisions) will be nominated to represent U.S. Army Europe during the Oct. 4 Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C. To be considered, male competitors must finish under 68 minutes, while female runners must finish at 86 minutes or better.

Additionally, they will need commander's approval to be placed on orders, said Jim Mattingly, IMCOM-Europe sports and fitness director.

The men's team that represented Europe last year placed third, with the women's squad placing ninth in their division.

While only Soldiers can compete for the U.S. Army Europe team, everyone holding a U.S. Department of Defense identification card who is at least 18, may participate in the June 27 race. Last year's Europe 10-Miler attracted 117 participants.

Register online at www.grafenwoehr.army.mil or by calling DSN 475-9024 or civilian (49) 09641-83-9024.

Free troop billets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact the USAG Grafenwoehr Recreation Division at DSN 475-9024.

If you prefer to reserve lodging at Grafenwoehr's Tower Inn, call DSN 475-1700 or civilian (49) 09641-83-1700. Camping at Outdoor Recreation Vilseck is available by calling DSN 476-2866 or civilian (49) 09662-83-2866.



Runners charge the first hill during the 2008 U.S. Army in Europe 10-Miler qualification run. The 2009 10-Miler race will be held June 27 at U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr.

Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge 2009 Space Still Available

Children of deployed Servicemembers in Europe can still apply for residential summer camps filled with specialized instruction, ranging from culinary classes, soccer, track and field, and basketball.

Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge is designed specifically for teens and middle-school children and is hosted by IMCOM-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge – the acronym stands for Adventure, Resilience, Memories, Youth – is set for June 15-20 and offers not only a welcome break from the family stresses of deployment, but also "provides a perfect venue for kids to have fun and learn at the same time," said Joe Marton, Child, Youth and School Services program specialist for IMCOM-Europe.

And the program aims to build social skills, Marton added, "that can be used for a lifetime."

Middle-school and high-school students currently in grades 6-12 whose active duty parents have deployed or will be deploying between June 1, 2008, and March 1, 2010, are eligible to apply.

Although the camp is hosted exclusively by IMCOM-Europe Child, Youth and School Services, the camp will have some spaces open to children whose deployed moms or dads belong to the Air Force, Navy or Marines.

Students having just completed eighth grade are considered an eighth-grader for attendance and may only apply to the middle-school camp sessions.

CAC, which will be held in Germany, will focus on basketball, culinary arts, soccer and track and field. Plus all of the campers will participate in an outdoor adventure program (such as hiking, climbing and canoeing) and healthy living classes. "We want the experience to be educational and entertaining," Marton said.

Dylan Smith, a participant in last year's sports camp, said he welcomed the sharp coaching, which, he believes, elevated his soccer game. "The instructors really pushed fundamentals. They encourage you to have fun, to loosen up and to not be so hard on yourself."

For all of those interested in applying, a non-refundable \$50 camp registration fee is required when a child is selected to attend the camp. The fee reserves a slot in an assigned session.

Central bus pick-up points will provide transportation to the camps; however, Marton stressed that individualized transportation will not be funded, with families being responsible for getting their sons or daughters to central bus pick-up points.

Complete information details and application forms, which will only be accepted online, are available at www.mwr-europe.com or www.mwr-europe.com.



Chièvres Garrison: New Leader Lays Out Goals

By Kevin Downey
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

New Chièvres Garrison Manager John Paugh assumed the garrison's top leadership role May 26 with three stated priorities – enhance quality of life services, enhance interaction with Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe and improve awareness of the garrison's role.

Paugh, a 28-year Army veteran, is the first civilian to lead Chièvres Garrison as it transitions from military to civilian management.

"My vision for the garrison is to be recognized as an organization that is dedicated and focused on serving the Chièvres community," he said. "The goal here is to constantly make this a better community for everyone."

Paugh has been in the area for three years, most recently serving as the chief of manpower and personnel for the U.S. Military Representative to SHAPE.

He entered civil service in June 2006, first serving as the deputy Operations chief, and later as acting Human Resources chief for U.S. Army NATO Brigade at SHAPE.

He then served as the lead management and program analyst, as well as the acting chief of plans, analysis and integration office for U.S. Army Garrison Benelux.

"I believe there is a need for perception (and) expectation management to ensure those new and not so new to the community understand what Chièvres Garrison, SHAPE and the Belgian communities have to offer, and what people can expect during their tour here," he said.

Paugh's focus on the relationship between Chièvres garrison and the international support structure on SHAPE stems from working on both installations over the past three years.

"There is room to enhance our shared community with SHAPE, including clearly defining the areas where we

can cooperate and share information for the betterment of everyone," he said. "I also want to explore what options are available with our host nation that may help facilitate stronger relations between all stakeholders."

Paugh said another of his goals is to improve the quality of life services the garrison offers by soliciting feedback from community members.

"We recognize there is a U.S. community with needs and requirements unique to American military life," he said. "It is my job to ensure these needs are met. I welcome community members' ideas and support as we take care of our men and women in uniform and their families."

A native of Lincoln, Neb., Paugh holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska, where he was named a distinguished military graduate from the ROTC program.

He also has a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma, with a concentration in organizational change and development.



Health & Wellbeing



New Chièvres Lodge Now Open

As of June 1, Chièvres Lodge is accepting its first guests and new reservations. Personnel currently staying at Hotel Le Maisières who are scheduled to check out after June 3 have begun moving to the new facility. Those who are checking out on or before June 3 have the option to remain at the Hotel Le Maisières or move to the Chièvres Lodge. The new lodge has convenient access to the PX, commissary and other services on Chièvres Air Base. It also has air conditioning, high speed internet and flat screen TVs with DVD players in each room. Once all guests are relocated, Hotel Le Maisières will close and will no longer be operated by the U.S. military.

To make reservations for the Chièvres Lodge, call DSN 366-7211 or CIV 065-73-9300.

Change of Command: *Recognizes the Soul of the 309th Airlift Squadron*

By **Christie Vanover**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

As he began to farewell his unit, Lt. Col. Mark Gaubert realized what he had learned as a squadron commander. He said his three-and-a-half years in the 309th Airlift Squadron all came down to what he witnessed in one day.

While he and his family were staying in the lodge, preparing to depart Chièvres, Belgium, he noticed a group gathered in the lobby who had given their time to cook meals for guests at the hotel. They were strangers to most, but they weren't strangers to Gaubert. He looked around and saw numerous 309th Airmen and families scattered about the church group.

Then, moments later he saw another Airman delivering an armful of groceries to a newcomer who had just arrived to the unit.

"I learned the soul of the 309th Airlift Squadron and the power of that soul," he said.

He reflected back on how the generosity he saw that day was evident every day for the 309th.

"Firefighters will work long 12-hour shifts and then get up the next morning to work four Memorial Day ceremonies. Families take care of their children all day and then go and teach others a class on financial readiness," he said.

"You always find time to dig deeper to help others," he told his unit during his change of command May 26. "It speaks to the soul of our Air Force, our military, our joint coalition team. Keep doing what you're doing. Maintain your soul."

Like his Airmen and families, Gaubert also put his heart and soul into the unit, according to Col. Jon Thomas, commander, 86th Operations Group, but Thomas added that Gaubert's performance as a leader went even further.

"Commanders are measured not by their personal deeds alone, but instead by success of their units. That is where the true story is told," Thomas said before presenting Gaubert with a



Lt. Col. Mark Gaubert passes the 309th Airlift Squadron colors to Col. Jon Thomas as the incoming commander, Lt. Col. Michael Dickinson, stands ready to take command.

Meritorious Service Medal.

Thomas said the 309th Airlift Squadron achieved perfection in the accomplishment of its mission, which is to provide airlift to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and airfield support to SHAPE.

He added that the unit also performed outstanding on inspection visits and partnered with the Royal Netherlands Air Force in a training first for the U.S. military.

"Success in such an environment requires teamwork at all levels from the airmen to the commander," said Thomas.

After the unit presented Gaubert a final salute with the SACEUR's plane peering through the hangar doors in the background, Lt. Col. Michael Dickinson, the unit's former director of operations and deputy commander, assumed command of the unit.

"Lt. Col. Dickinson has proven dedication and judgment. He's up for the challenge," said Thomas.

With a mix of humor and instant leadership and direction, Dickinson addressed the airmen.

"I'm thrilled to be up here," he said. "This is the third best day of my life," following his parents' wedding day and the

day his wife said she would marry him.

After a few laughs and many thanks to his family and Belgian friends who attended the ceremony, Dickinson immediately laid out his guidance and five leadership priorities.

"First, I have very high expectations of you, and I'm going to hold you to those standards," he said, adding that the unit already performs at a standard of perfection.

"Second, your families are important to me because they're important to you. Next, empowerment is critical. I believe every airman in this command can be a leader," he continued.

Fourthly, he said he wants to strive to improve processes, and lastly, he plans to live his life according to the core values.

"I'm ready to get to work for you guys," he told the unit before they presented their first salute to him as the commander.

Thomas told Dickinson he should lead the unit with passion and lead them with compassion.

"We're saying goodbye to one of our commander's, but we're continuing the tradition of excellence with another commander," he added.

Employees Earn First Aid Certification

By Rachel Parks

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

A dozen USAG Benelux employees were recently recognized for earning their Belgian Red Cross First Aid certification. Belgian law states that employers must have certified first aid assistants among their employees. While there were already several first aid certified employees on Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie, those numbers have now increased. The latest employees who earned the certification volunteered for the assignment and took an 18-hour first aid course as well as a four hour exam. "Our goal was to fill in the gaps in the locations of these first aid attendants," said Rudy Magain, Director of the USAG Benelux Safety Office. "The attendants can provide basic first aid. They know how to initially take care of and stabilize personnel until an ambulance can arrive," he said.



Patricia Lobert, USAG Benelux Safety Specialist, practices CPR techniques on a mannequin for the class.

The newest first aid attendants include:

Jean Marie Boisdenghien	Kathy Jandik
Patrick Boudart	Patricia Lobert
Yves Brepols	Marie Miser
Serge Decroo	Nadia Pinet
Chantal Deprez	Christophe Pottiez
David Honick	Patrick Rocher

Employees who were already certified:

Viviane Cornil	Patrick Kurzawa
Christian Decot	Marianne Maesen
Bertrand Destrebecq	Michelle Mahieu
Gregory Destrebecq	Gregory Minacappelli
Bernadette Dupuis	Jean Luc Peltier
Laurent Elius	Patrice Sculier
Brigitte Gabreau	Cathy Van Riet
Martine Gevaert	Denis Vratari
Dany Godefroid	

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FROM HOME TO WORK

- Alternate parking places
- Lock car when unattended
- Look for tampering. Look under your car. Be alert when opening door
- Keep gas tank at least half full
- If possible, alter routes and avoid choke points
- Plan escape route as you drive
- Watch mopeds/cycles
- Don't pick up hitchhikers
- Keep windows up and doors locked



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Celebrate the Tradition

Two hundred and thirty-four years ago, the United States Army was established to defend its Nation. From the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terror, Soldiers remain Army Strong with a deep commitment to their core values and beliefs. This 234th birthday commemorates Soldiers, Families and Civilians who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong. Their willingness to sacrifice to build a better future for others and to preserve our way of life is without a doubt, the Strength of the American Nation. To honor that tradition, garrisons across Europe are holding special events.

Celebrate at Chièvres – June 11 @ noon

In support of the Year of the NCO, come celebrate with Command Sgt. Maj. Ford at the Chièvres PX Lobby/Food Court. A member of the Warrior Transition Unit will cut the Army Birthday Cake along with an Army Family.

Celebrate at SHAPE – June 11 @ 2 p.m.

ACS is holding an open house in Bldg. 318 in celebration of the Army Birthday, Year of the NCO and Year of the Military Family. Cake will be handed to customers.

Celebrate at SHAPE – June 12

- 3 p.m. **Story Hour and Cake** CDC, Bldg. 616
- 4 p.m. **Barbecue and Cake** Teen Center, Bldg. 503
- 4 p.m. **Balloon Launch and Cake** SAS, Bldg. 602

Celebrate with Brussels – Date to be determined

USAG Brussels is planning a cake cutting ceremony with the oldest and youngest Soldier. Soldiers are also coordinating an event to help children at Child, Youth and School Services celebrate the Army's birthday.

Celebrate with USAREUR – June 11 @ 6 p.m.

Tickets are still available for the USAREUR Army Birthday Ball, in the Village Pavilion, Patrick Henry Village. This is the first USAREUR-level formal dinner/dance in over twenty years. Come celebrate and strengthen the team. The dress for military is formal (or Class A with bow tie); and for civilians, a tux or coat/tie for gentlemen and equivalent for ladies. RSVP with payment to the USAREUR Protocol Office at DSN: 377-4507 / Commercial: 06221-394507

Second phase of suicide prevention training focuses on more personal approach

By Dave Melancon

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Officer

The Army lost one active duty Soldier to suicide in April and is investigating six other potential suicides, according to a May 7 Department of the Army press release.

The same report noted that the Army had 35 active-duty suicides during 2009 and 29 other deaths which are under investigation to determine their cause.

To combat suicide within the ranks, Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli issued a comprehensive, multidisciplinary Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention. The plan, published April 24, encompasses the physical, spiritual, and mental health of Soldiers and their Families.

In U. S. Army Europe, the second phase of Army-mandated suicide prevention training for Soldiers and civilian employees began in March and continues through July, and takes a more personal approach.

Called "Shoulder to Shoulder: No Soldier Stands Alone," the training picks up where the "Beyond the Front" training conducted during a USAREUR-wide suicide prevention stand-down in March left off. Small-unit leaders and first-line supervisors will conduct the training

"(The first phase) was intended to make an impact with immediate execution by enhancing Soldiers' ability to recognize risk factors and warning signs," explained B. Joy Summerlin, Well-Being and Quality of Life program manager for the USAREUR personnel division. "Phase I provided ways to intervene in order to prevent suicidal behavior. Phase II is intended to augment Phase I with a more deliberate and personal approach to training."

Led by noncommissioned officers and other first-line leaders, "Shoulder to Shoulder" is conducted in small groups with members who know one



another, bringing the training closer to home and making it more relevant to the team, she explained.

Leaders from all echelons of the command are expected to participate in the interactive "chain teaching" program focused on how to identify at-risk Soldiers and how their "battle buddies" or leaders can get them the help they need from the appropriate person or agency, Summerlin said. Participants will watch a video and then discuss what they saw, focusing on risk signs, suicidal behaviors and suicide prevention within their organizations.

Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian employees must attend the course. Contractors and family members are invited to participate as well, according to the Army policy.

"Shoulder to Shoulder" is designed to enhance a person's abilities to spot risky behaviors and other warning signs of potential suicidal behavior, Summerlin said, so they may be able to intervene and prevent those behaviors or suicide attempts.

Unlike the interactive "Beyond the Front" presentation, the 13-minute-long "Shoulder to Shoulder" presentation focuses on the aftermath of

suicide and works to eliminate the stigma and myths that may prevent a person from seeking help or from helping a comrade in trouble, said Chap. (Capt.) David Montgomery, V Corps Special Troops Battalion chaplain.

"This is not a scenario-based (presentation)," Montgomery explained. "This is a follow-up to the training that the Soldiers received in the first phase. It is a straight 13 minutes of guys and gals sharing their stories; real-life experiences with suicide, firsthand."

The chaplain said among the leaders who tell their stories is Maj. Gen. Mark Graham, commander of 1st U.S. Army's Training Division (West) and Fort Carson, Colo., who talks about how he and his wife coped with the suicide of their son, Mark.

"They are coming at it from a parent's perspective. They talk about what it did to them," he said. "It talks about what they had to wrestle with."

Montgomery said chaplains, health care professionals and subject-matter experts from USAREUR, the Installation Management Command-Europe and the Europe Regional Medical Command are collaborating to increase the program's effectiveness.

Looking for a Job? **HELP IS WANTED**

PAID JOBS

Andrews Federal Credit Union

Branch Manager – The ideal candidate will possess the following: A bachelor's degree in business, finance or a related field; at least three to five years experience in retail branch environment; a minimum of two years supervising banking, lending activities and imaging security for a retail branch; proven sales ability and business development skills; knowledge of ATM procedures and equipment; professional presentation and excellent interpersonal skills; excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Member Services Representative – The position requires at least two years of previous financial institution experience in the area of loans and operations and a demonstrated ability to cross-sell a variety of financial industry products and services.

Teller – Requires one year teller experience or one year cash handling experience and one year general office experience; excellent verbal and written communication skills. Prior sales experience is preferred.

Call DSN 361-5809 or stop by the Chièvres Branch.

Watch Care Provider

Daumerie American Chapel is looking for Watch Care Providers on a continual basis - Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. These are six-month paid contracted positions (applicants must already have a US Military ID). If interested, email chapeldaumerie@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER JOBS

Girl Scouts

Want to make a difference in the life of a young girl? Be a Girl Scout volunteer. Set your schedule. Work two hours a month or five hours a week. For someone who can devote 40 hours per month, the SHAPE Girl Scouts of America is in desperate need of an Overseas Committee Chair to run monthly meetings and to handle the organization and paperwork. For more information, email shapegsa@yahoo.com.

Grandma's Attic

Grandma's Attic is looking for new volunteers to help sort through items, stock shelves and run the register. All volunteer hours are recorded with ACS. Additionally, Grandma's Attic will pay up to \$100 per month in child care. On days volunteers work, they can fill up a brown paper bag and buy what's inside for only \$5. For more information, stop by the store during opening hours or email windancers@hotmail.com.

AAFES

Supervisory Sales Associate – Pays between \$8.62 and \$17.73 per hour. Regular full time. Job closes June 2.

Senior Store Associate – Pays between \$7.25 and \$13.90 per hour. Regular part time. Job closes June 3.

Food Service Worker – Pays between \$9.68 and \$10.84 per hour. Regular part time. Job closes June 5.

Stocker – Pays between \$9.29 and \$10.84 per hour. Regular part time. Job closes June 5.

Motor Vehicle Operator – Pays between \$11.40 and \$13.32 per hour. Regular part time. Job closes June 5.

For information, visit www.aafes.com or stop by the PX.

Employment Vacancy Links

U.S. Government Jobs

www.usajobs.com/

U.S. Army Civilian Personnel

www.cpol.army.mil/

NATO Jobs

www.nato.int/wcm-asap/recruit-wide.asp

Jobs at SHAPE

www.nato.int/shape/community/civpers/office.htm

Embassy of the U.S., Brussels

<http://belgium.usembassy.gov/jobs.html>

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Summer Camps

Middle School Camp

Teens who are in seventh and eighth grade during school year 2008-09 can join CYSS, Youth Programs in Bldg. 503 for some fun-filled summer activities and trips.

Wild Week– June 22 to 26

- Wednesday-Bobbiejaanland 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday to Friday-YS Camp Out

Sports Week–June 29 to July 3

- Tuesday–Mini golf
- Wednesday–Walibi, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday–Facenord

Cold in the summer Week–July 6 to 10

- Wednesday– Snowworld
- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Adventure Week–July 13 to 17

- Wednesday to Thursday–Overnight trip to Durbuy Adventure park, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cool off with Water week–July 20 to 24

- Wednesday–Kayaking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday–Watercolor Museum

Fairy Tale Week–July 27 to 31

- Wednesday Trip–Euro Disney, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Outdoor Week–Aug. 3 to 7

- Week long trip to Italy, Departure time TBD
- Pisa & Marble Quarries

Science Week–Aug. 10 to 14

- Wednesday trip–Museum of Natural Science 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday–Dinosaur Museum–Riding bikes.

Camp hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. No camp on SHAPE Holidays
Camp Fee: 40 euro per week

Full day Trips will be scheduled for each Wednesday. Trip will depart as 8 a.m. and return by 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Transportation will be on contract buses.

Half day local trips will be scheduled Tuesday or Friday and will extend into the afternoon hours. Half day trips will utilize local transportation, bicycles, buses, trains and/or trolleys.

Youth will be released from camp at 1 p.m.
Summer Open Recreation Hours: 1 to 6:30 p.m.

Permission Slips are required for each trip.

School Age Services Camp

Looking for a great experience for your kids this summer? SAS offers amazing programs that will keep your kids smiling for eight fun-filled weeks.

Week 1 Animation Craze – June 22 to 26

Field Trip: Brussels Comics/Cinema

Week 2 Mini Olympics June 29 to July 3

Field Trip: Wallibi

Week 3 Wacky Wilderness July 6 to 10

Field Trip: Durbuy

Week 4 Around the world July 13 to 17

Week 5 Believe it or not July 20 to 24

Field Trip: Bellewaerde

Week 6 Island Fever July 27 to 31

Week 7 Blast from the Past August 3 to 7

Field Trip: Bobbejaanlaand

Week 8 The Wild West August 10 to 14

Field Trip: Wild Life Reserve

Camp hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Before and After care available. Closed SHAPE holidays. Register at SHAPE Central Registration Office, Bldg. 503 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by June 10.

Power Hour Party

Middle school and high school students celebrate the beginning of summer June 16 at 4 p.m. with ice cream sundaes at the MS/Teen Center, Bldg. 503, yellow room. For more information, call DSN 423-6104.

Software Upgrade

The Army is installing a hardware and software upgrade to the USAG Brussels ID Card (DEERS/RAPIDS/CAC Card) processing facility on June 3. This update will require USAG Brussels to close the office on this date while the new systems are installed and tested. The office will re-open as usual on June 4 with increased capabilities. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Directorate representative, Mr. TC Dawson at DSN 368-9635.

Reduced Hours

The Andrews Federal Credit Union on Chièvres has had to reduce its hours due to staff shortages. It is now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some days the bank will close from 1 to 2 p.m. for lunch.

From Your Chièvres MWR

2 June

- **Play Morning** sponsored by ACS New Parent Support Program. From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Prime Time Grill on Daumerie. The program teaches parents developmentally-appropriate play to help children improve their social, cognitive and motor skills. No pre-registration required. Open to all U.S., SHAPE and NATO ID cardholders. Call ACS at DSN 423-5324 for additional information.

3 June

- **Sponsorship Class** Learn how to be a great sponsor for Newcomer's to the Benelux. The class equips you with practical information and useful resources to ease the transition to Belgium. Class is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 318 on SHAPE. Call DSN 423-5324 to sign up.
- **Make the Right Move** ACS Relocation Program provides information to assist people departing from SHAPE/Chièvres to other locations. Additional information about your new location is also provided. Open to all U.S. ID cardholders. Class is 2 to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 318 on SHAPE. Call DSN 423-5324 to sign up.

4 June

- **Infant Massage Class** Learn soothing and stress relieving techniques from certified instructors. Massage helps mom and baby relax, bond, relieve stress and boost the immune system. Expectant mothers and mothers with newborns and up are welcome. Mats and oils are provided. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., NATO and SHAPE ID cardholders. Meets every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Healthcare Facility in the EDIS Playroom on SHAPE. Call ACS DSN 423-5324 for more information. www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/services/acsnewparent.asp
- **Prenatal Class** Infant CPR/Infant Massage/ First Aid/Well Baby Exams/Infant Care/Child Safety (Session 7) co-sponsored by the ACS New Parent Support Program, WIC Overseas and the SHAPE Healthcare Facility. Class will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Social Work Services Conference Room. Call the Clinic at DSN 423-5886 to register.

Health & Wellbeing

Women's Health Seminar June 4th 2009

SHAPE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

From 10 am - Noon

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Louise Watkins
Masters MD, OBGYN

Call ACS for more information DSN 423-5801 or 5805

Open to all SHAPE, NATO & US ID Card Holders

Women's Health Issues in the Middle Years

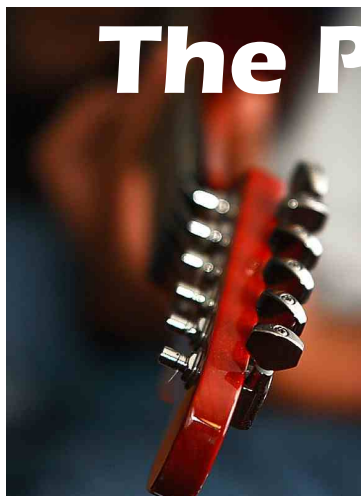
The menopause is a natural process for all women. This seminar will present information on what to expect, including pre and post menopausal changes and how to cope with the physiological and emotional changes



Attendance is free but seating is limited.

The Patriot Hangar #4

5-8 PM Weekly
& Weekends
4-11 PM Fridays



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From Your Brussels MWR

1 June

- **Parent-Toddler Playgroup** From 10 a.m. to noon in the SKIES Room located on the ground floor of Bldg. 4 at USAG Brussels. No advanced registration needed. Call ACS at 02 717-9783 for more information.
- **Finding Employment in Brussels.** Federal and NATO Jobs Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon in the ACS Conference Room, at the top floor of Bldg 4 at USAG Brussels, for this. Contact ACS at 02 717-9783 to sign up.
- **Belgian Tax Form Preparation.** Tax exemption preparation services are available every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until June 16. Call ACS at 02-717-9783 for more information on how to process your exemption.
- **Hands-On Resume Class.** Learn the application processes for Federal and NATO jobs from 2 to 4 p.m. at USAG Brussels in the ACS Conference Room, top floor of Bldg. 4. Note: having attended the "Finding Employment in Brussels" workshop is a prerequisite. Call ACS at 02 717-9783 to register.

3 June

- **Resume Review Opportunities.** Learn to write a first-rate resume. Walk-ins are welcome every Wednesday, from 1 to 4 p.m. You may also call ACS at 02 717-9783 to schedule a one-on-one appointment outside of these hours. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders.
- **Auto Skills 101.** Sign up today for this hands on class instructing students in the basics of car maintenance and repair. Class meets every other Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the USAG Brussels Auto Craft Shop for a total of six class sessions. Cost is \$30 and will include instruction and use of all shop tools and facilities. Please call 02-717-9743 for more information and to sign up, class space is limited.

5 June

- **Cash Prize Bingo at the Three Star Lounge** Prize money totaling \$1,325. Don't miss your chance to be a cash winner. The fun starts at 7 p.m. Call 02 717-9761 for more information.
- **Summer Vehicle Check Up.** For only \$35 our skilled Auto Craft Shop mechanic will make sure your car is ready for safe summer driving. Appointments available every Friday by calling 02-717-9743.
- **Parent-Toddler Playgroup.** From 10 a.m. to noon in the SKIES Room located on the ground floor of Bldg. 4 at USAG Brussels. No advanced registration needed. Call ACS at 02 717-9783 for more information.



3 Star BINGO

\$1,325.00 will be given away!!

Blackout Jackpot set at \$500! Game card packages only \$20 with discounts on additional purchases. Space is limited--please reserve your seat in advance. Do not miss your opportunity to be a cash winner!

THE APRIL BINGO DATE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL

Friday, June 5th
7:00 p.m.

For more information call:
DSN 368-9761 or CIV 02 717 9761

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3rd-Brussels FMWR Gift Pack

Contestants must be 18 years or older.

Seats are limited to the first 48 contestants who pay the buy-in.
Contestants arriving after the 7:00 pm game start must forfeit their seat.

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